



8 Considerations for Choosing Your ERP System

Quick tips on how to choose
a solution that works for your
business--and the future.



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A Make-or-Break Decision

Whether you're a small organization or a multinational company with offices on five continents, your ERP system defines how well your business operates and even how productive your employees are.

Here, discover eight considerations to bear in mind when you're looking to replace or upgrade your ERP system. Some relate to the ERP vendor you'll partner with; others are about the ERP system itself. We think you'll need to take all of them into account to ensure the ERP system you choose is the right one for you.

Sort your strategy first

Before you start shopping for an ERP system, it's worth agreeing on your organization's ERP strategy. Your ERP strategy will inform the choice of modules, infrastructure requirements and other elements of your ERP implementation, and should be based on your business objectives. Simply put, a well thought-out ERP strategy will help lower the time-to-value of your ERP system, and can increase ROI compared to implementations without a strategy.



According to a Gartner® report, “as digital business models evolve, ERP strategies must become more flexible and agile when enabling dynamic business demands supported by a composable ERP strategy.” The report also states, “This strategy delivers a core of composable applications and software-as-a-service platforms that are highly configurable, interoperable and flexible to adapt to future modern technology.”

Source: Gartner, “ERP Primer for 2021” by Duy Nguyen, Paul Schenck, and Dixie John, February 4, 2021

Agility

When choosing your ERP system, look for a partner with a reputation for enabling business agility. You can't always predict the direction future growth will take, so a solution that can keep pace—whatever happens—is essential.



**Tip**

A system that includes collaborative tools will allow employees, customers, and suppliers to come together and drive innovation throughout your organization.

Innovation

Innovation can be key to sustaining future business growth. An ERP partner who supports innovation is necessary; one that understands its risks—and can help you negotiate them—is invaluable.



Professional Services

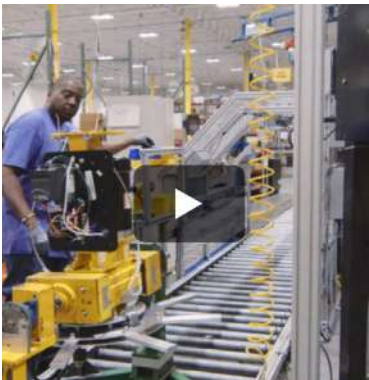
Epicor leverages proven methodologies and expertise from highly skilled professionals with deep industry expertise to support a hassle-free implementation of your ERP system.

Learning Resources

Increase your success with cloud adoption by working with a partner who delivers role-based pathways to learning. Chart your course with rich learning resources during implementation. Then, once you're working in cloud applications, quickly access support and resources including short videos, articles, and "how to" walk throughs.



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Industry Expertise

Another thing to look for in an ERP partner is a track record of expertise in your industry—especially if your industry is highly specialized. Additionally, a partner with expertise in other specialist industries could bring useful perspective and insight to your organization's ERP system.



Scalability

When choosing your ERP system, one that's built on scalable architecture helps you manage your organization's future growth. The fewer customizations the system requires to meet your needs, the better, too.

Cloud ERP

A solution that's secure and efficient and drives customer success through collaboration and shared access to data. An ERP system from a trusted cloud vendor can create a competitive advantage for your company.



Find Out More

The Benefits of Cloud ERP System

"According to the 2021 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Cloud ERP for Product-Centric Enterprises," by 2023, organizations that have successfully renovated their ERP platforms will achieve at least a 40% improvement in IT agility to deliver business outcomes."

Source: Gartner, "Magic Quadrant for Cloud ERP for Product-Centric Enterprises" by Tim Faith, Denis Torii, Paul Schenck, Dixie John, Abhishek Singh, August 24, 2021



Ease of Use

Nobody wants to wade through a difficult and unfriendly system to get work done. Choosing an ERP system with an intuitive, easy-to-learn user interface will increase employee satisfaction and productivity.

Functionality

2 Things to Weigh

- Does your ERP system have the capability to do everything that your ERP strategy demands of it?
- How well does it perform in terms of speed, reliability, and integration with your other systems?



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Greg Jehlik, CEO | Maxcess International



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